

CalPERS' Actuarial and Retirement Benefits Seminar

■ **Rate Volatility**

■ **Rate Stabilization**

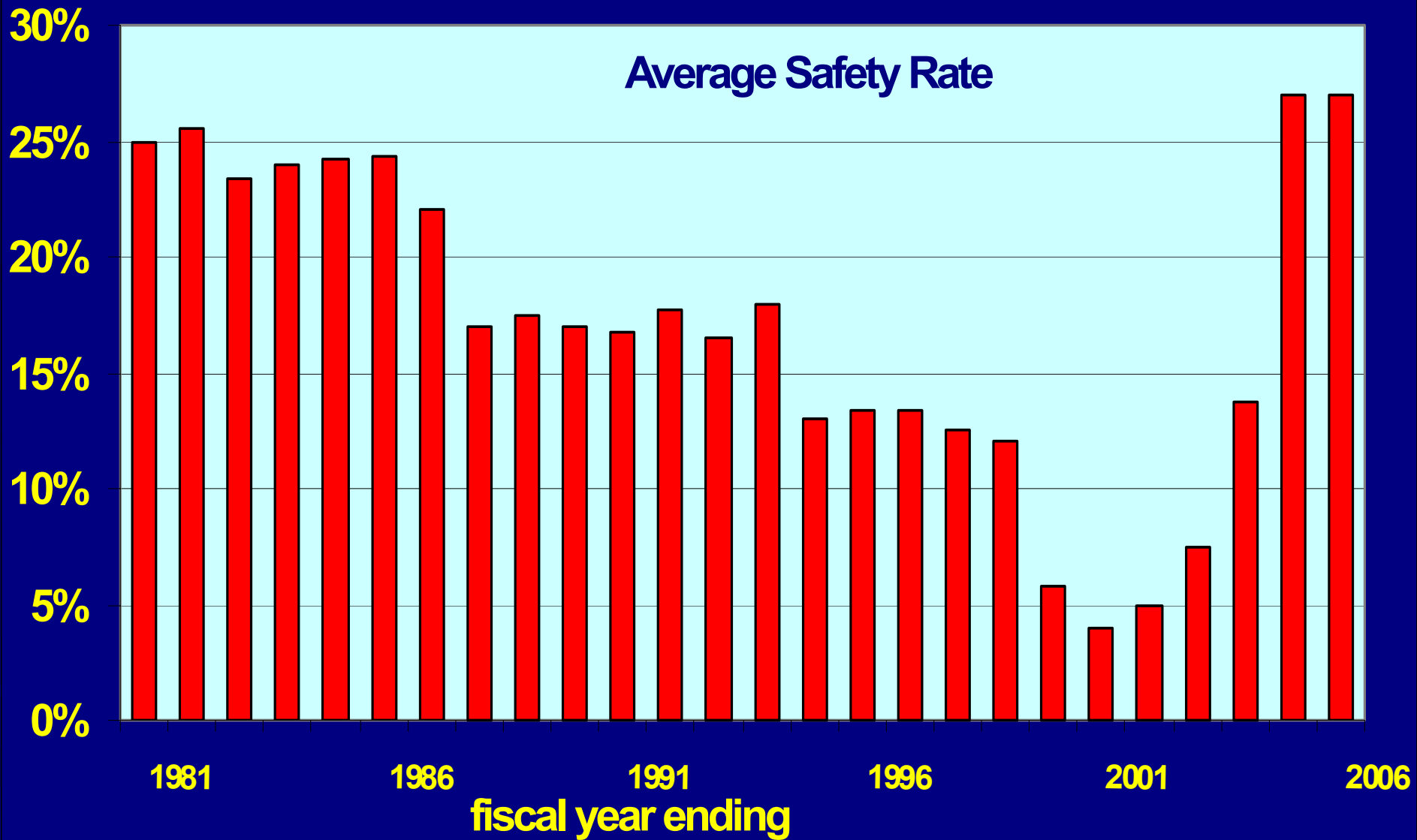
■ **Preview 2006-07 Rates**

■ **Pooling**

■ **GASB 45**

Rate Volatility

Average Safety Rate



Distribution of Safety Rates

fiscal year ending

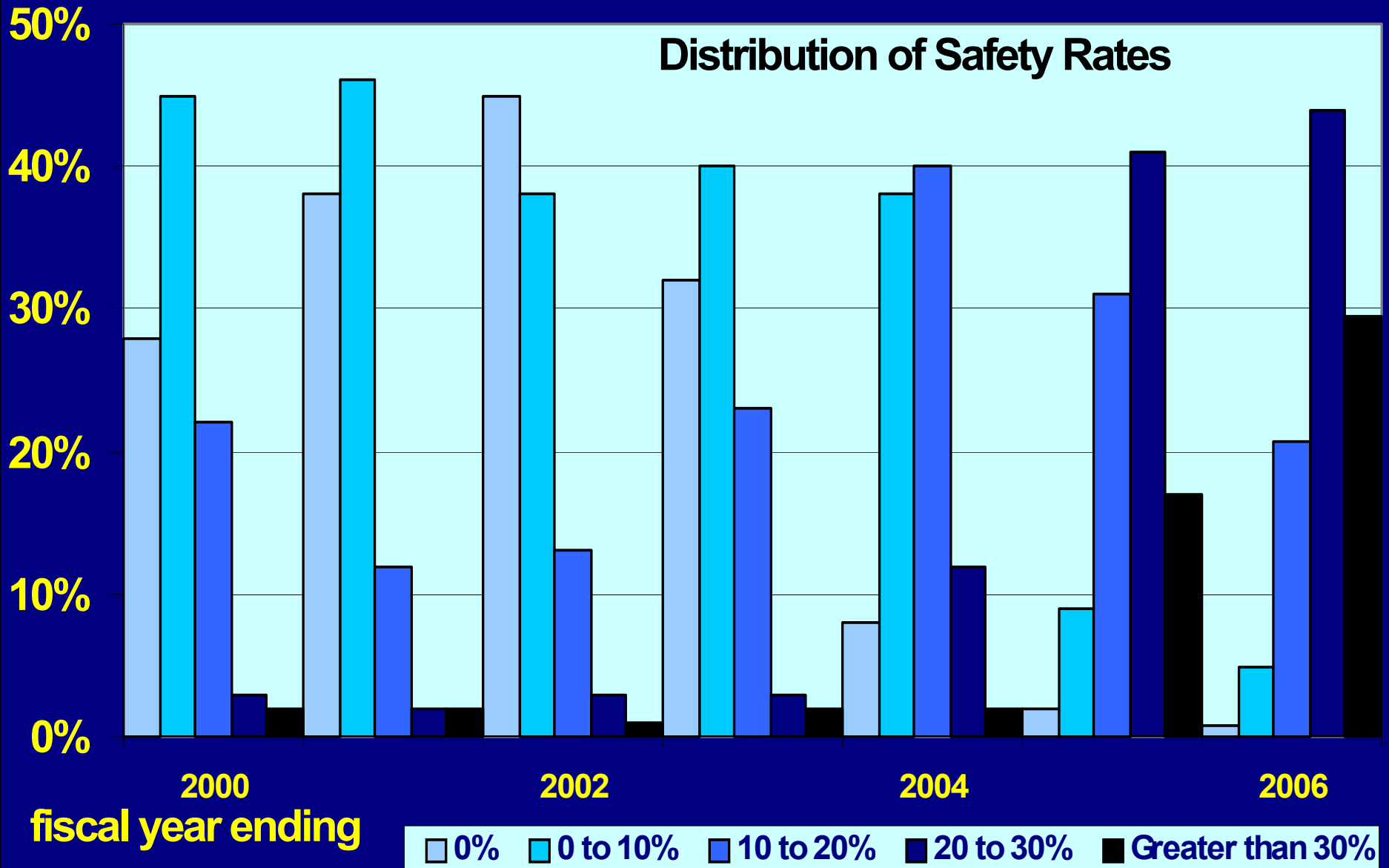
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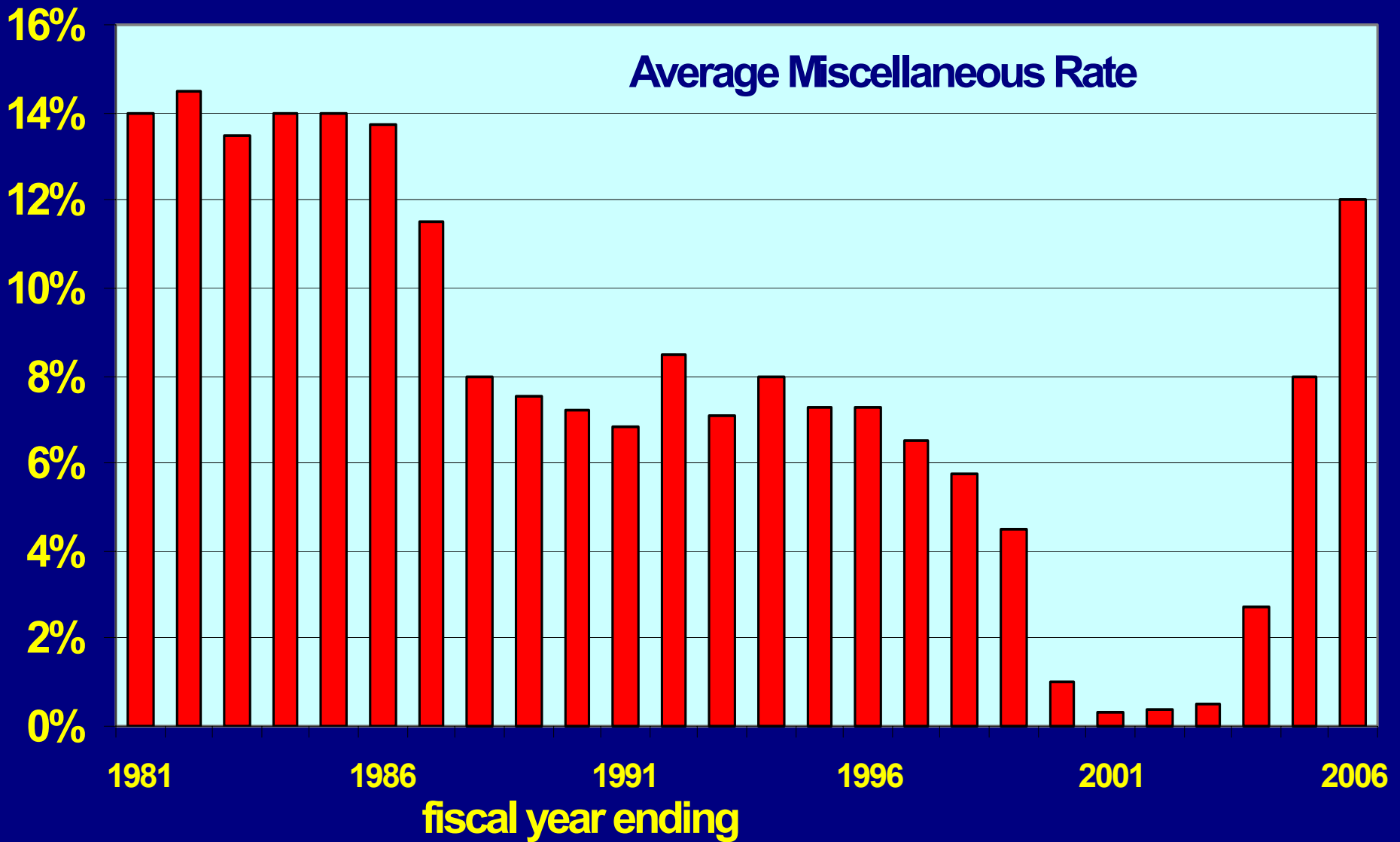
2004

2006

0% 0 to 10% 10 to 20% 20 to 30% Greater than 30%



Average Miscellaneous Rate



The Daily Mud

"All the mud that's fit to print" **EXTRA! EXTRA!** Wednesday, August 3, 2005



Mudville's CalPERS Rate Up 600% in 3 Years!

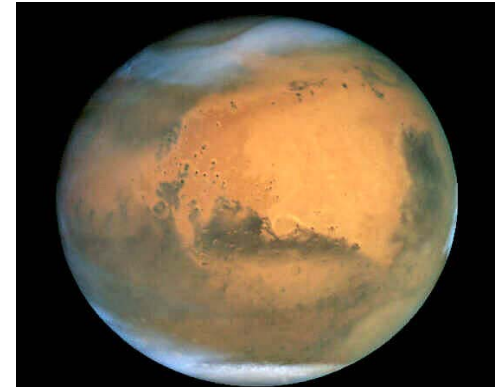
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New Italian Hybrid Auto Runs on Spaghetti



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NASA Probe Finds Life on Mars

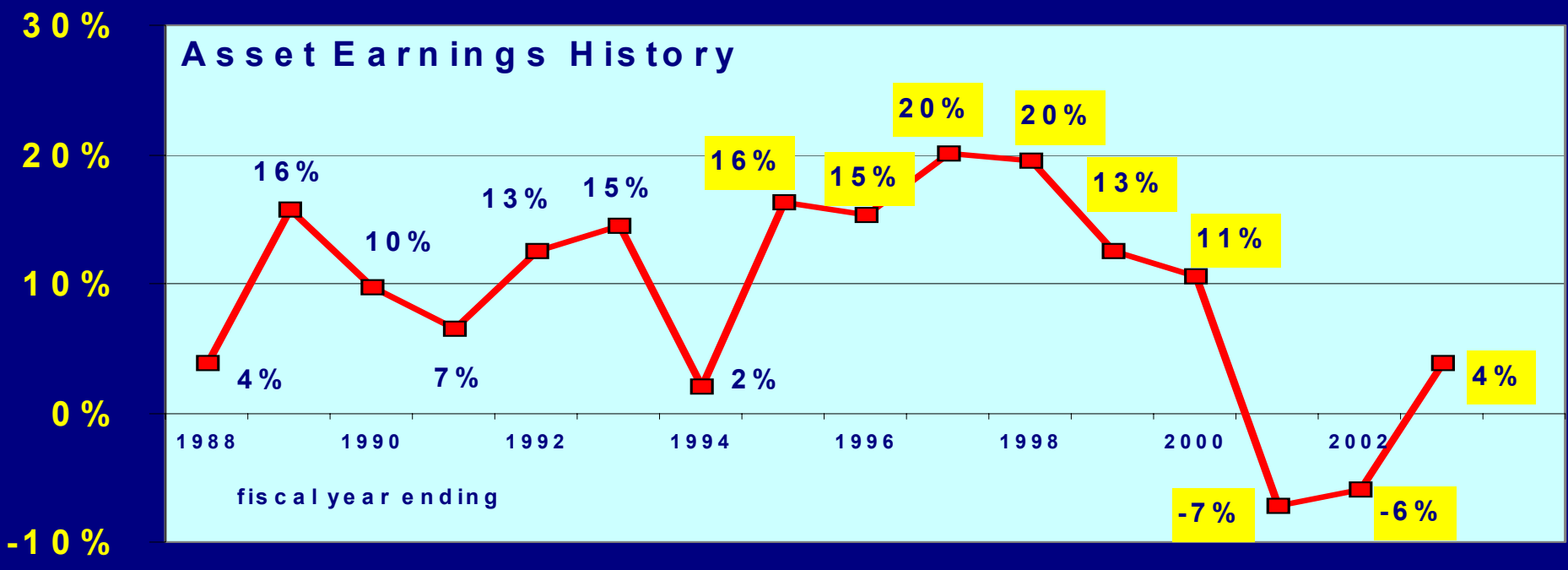
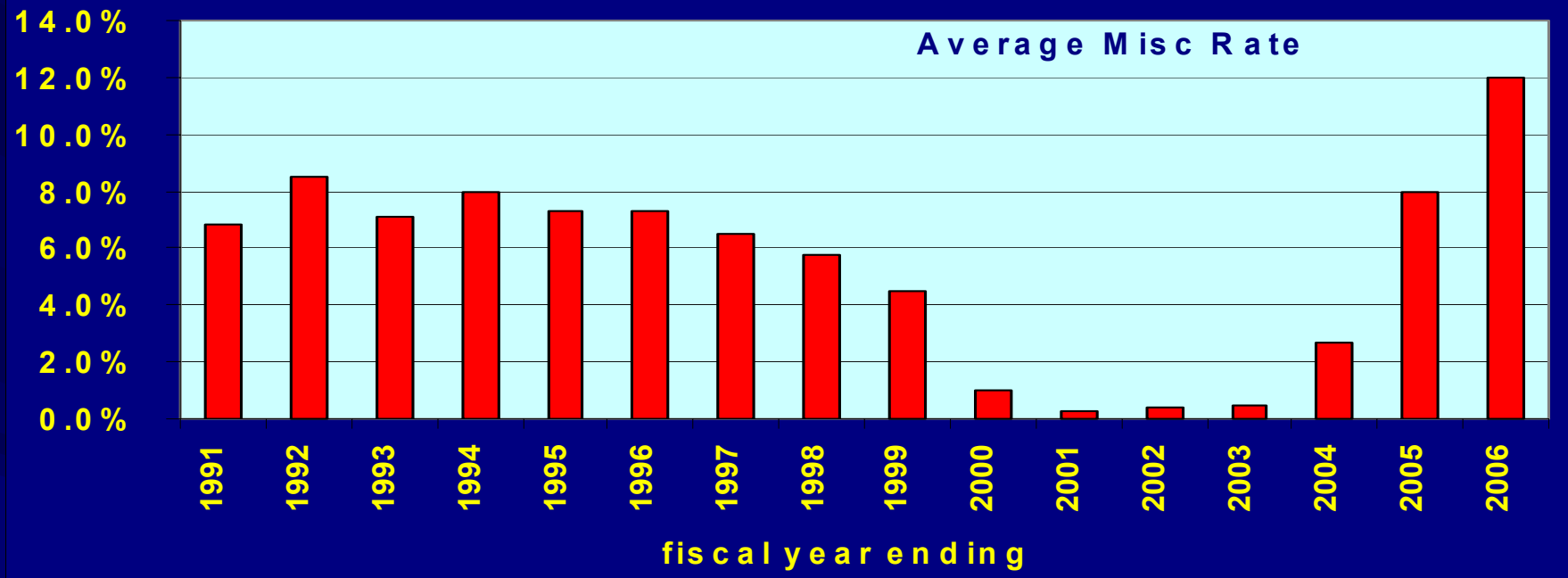


Volatility

- Contribution Rates Have Increased Sharply During the Last 3 Years ...
- From **Historically Low Levels** During the Preceding Years
- **Why?**

6 Good Years, 1994-95 Thru 1999-2000 Then 3 Bad Years 2000-01, 2001-02 And 2002-03



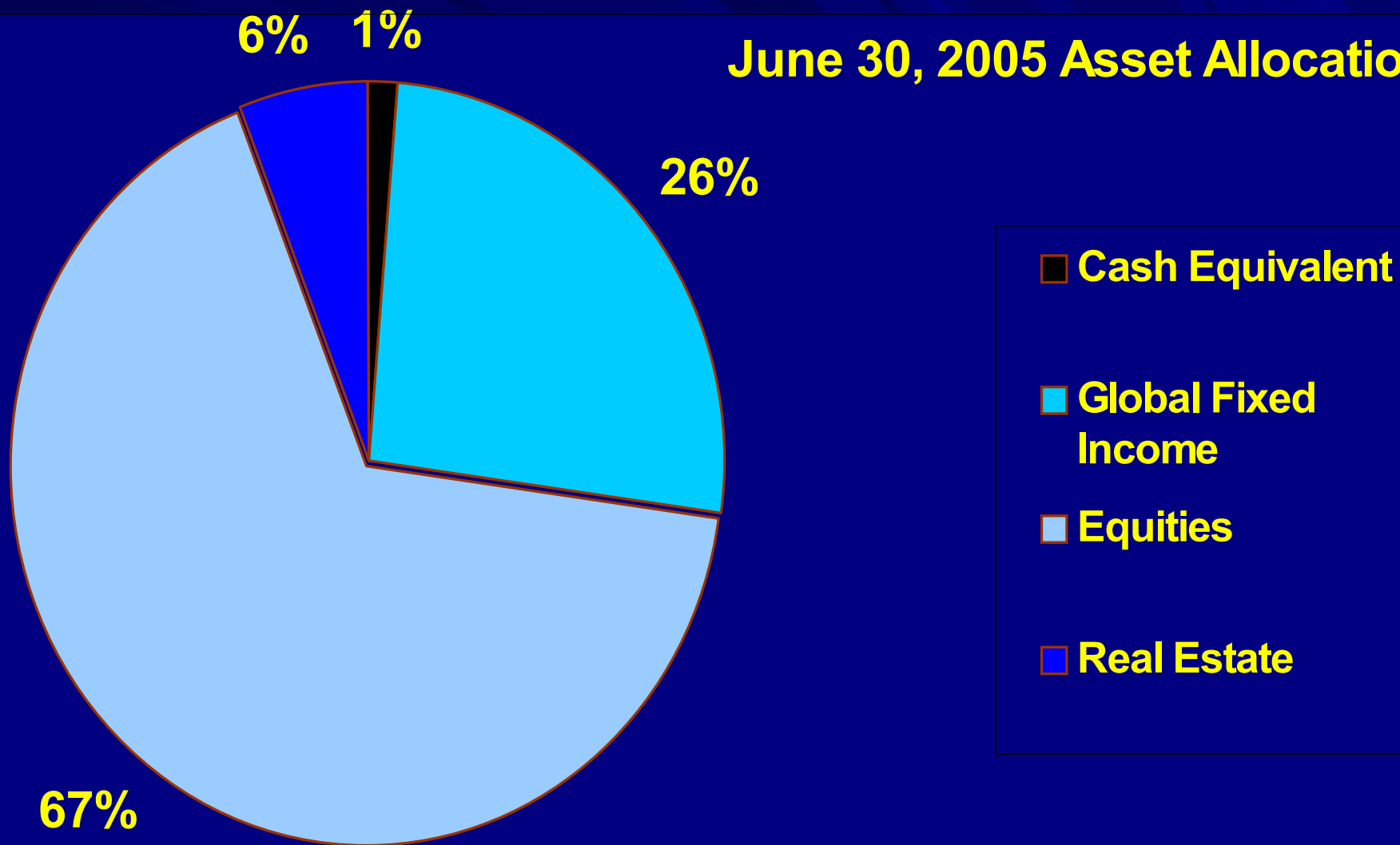


Asset Returns & Contribution Rates

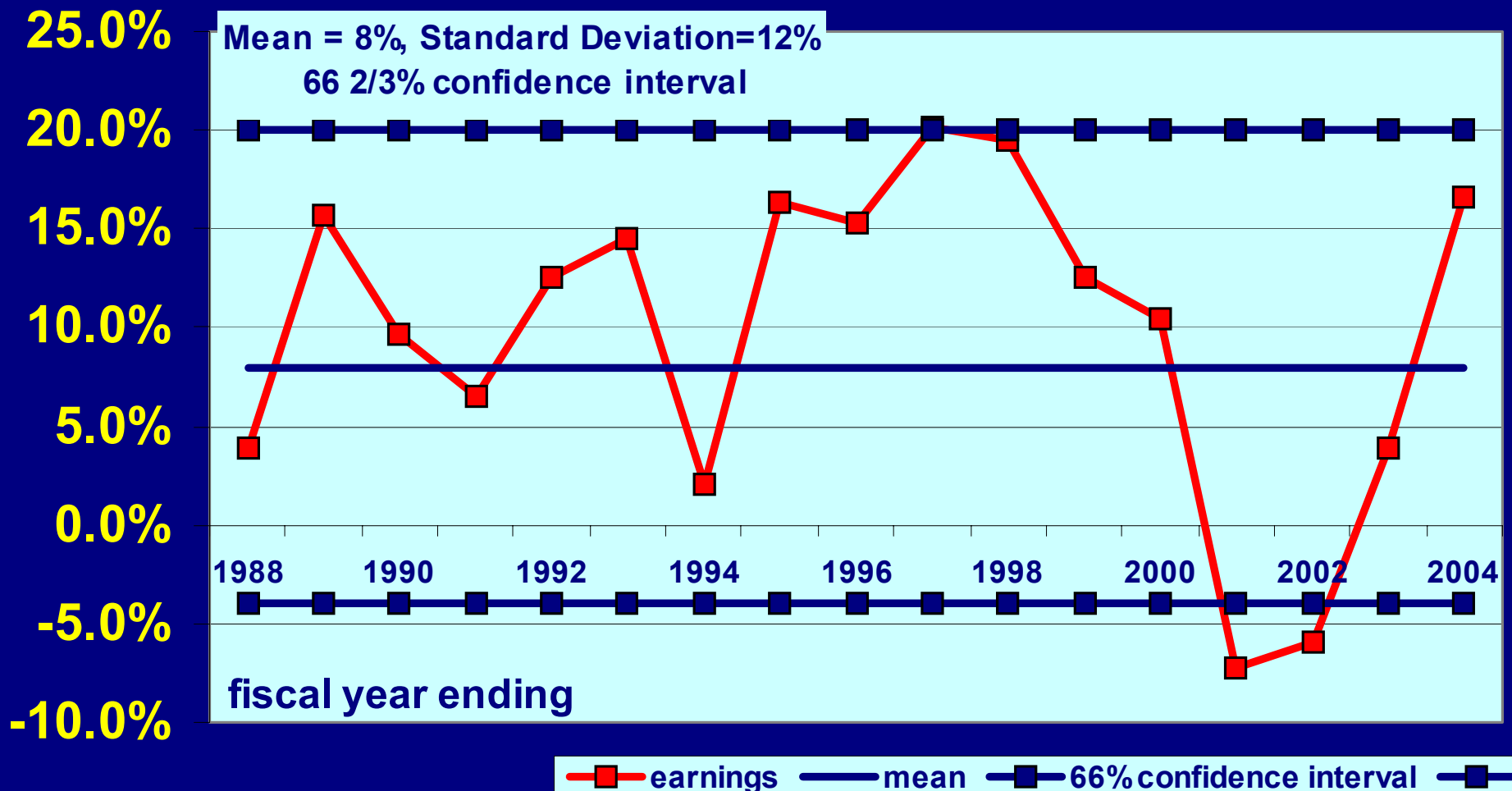
- There is a **Direct Correlation** Between the Asset Returns and the Contribution Rates, Once You Take Into Account the **Three Year Difference** Between the Asset Earnings Year and the Contribution Rate Year
- For Example, the 4% **Asset Return** in **2002-03** was Used to Calculate the **Contribution Rate** for **2005-06**

**Asset Volatility Is the Primary
Cause of Contribution Rate
Volatility**

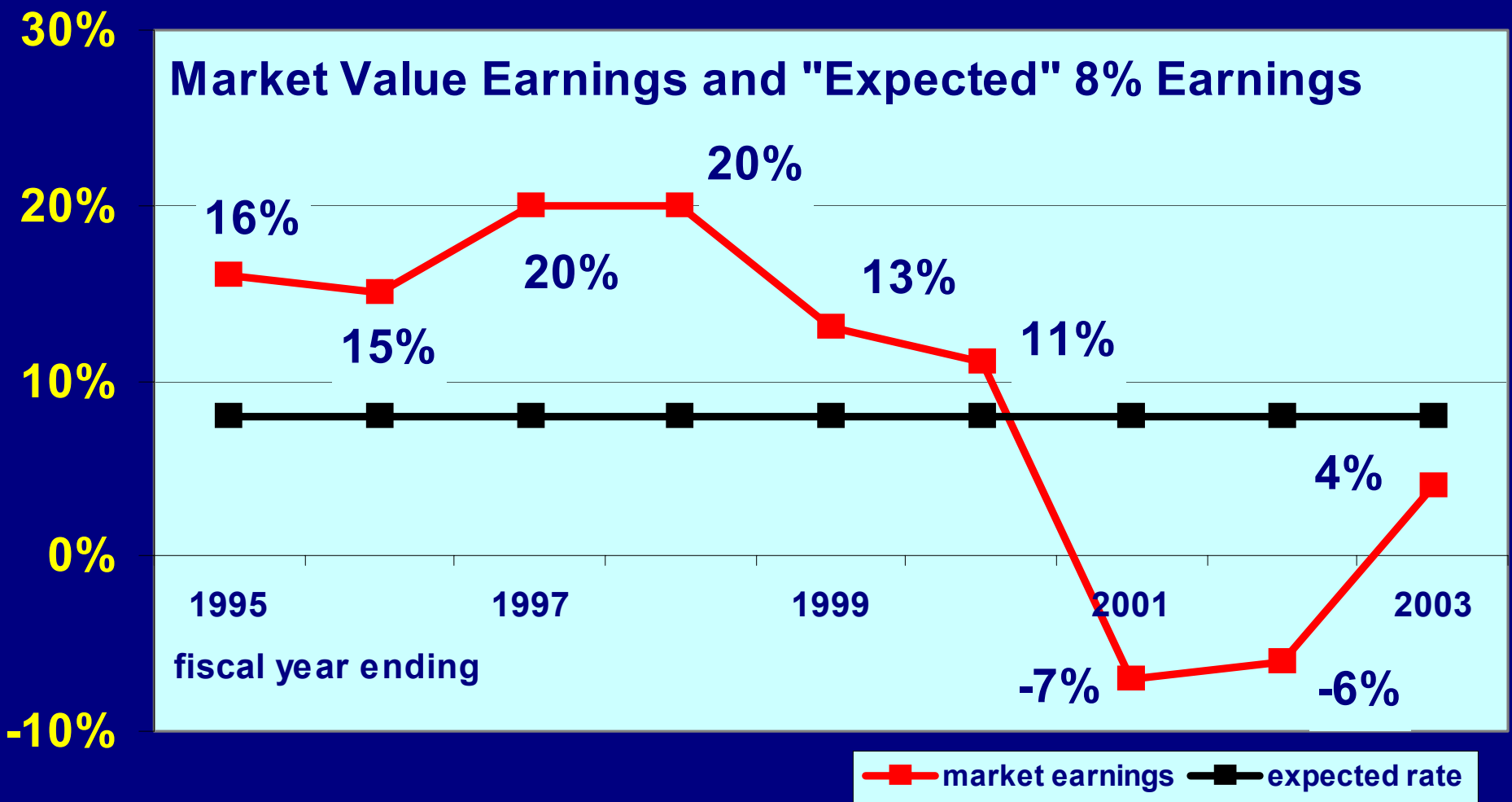
June 30, 2005 Asset Allocation



33% Probability the Earnings Rate Will Be Greater Than 20% Or Less Than - 4%, Allocation Expected Rate (Mean) \approx 8%



6 Good Years and 3 Bad Years



Gain and Loss

- The Actuaries Assume (Or Expect) That The Assets Will Earn $\approx 8\%^*$ Each Year
- There Is A “Gain” If Assets Earn More Than 8%, And A “Loss” If They Earn Less Than 8%
- For Example, The -7% Return In 2000-01 Is A 15% “Loss”

*As of the June 30, 2003 valuation, the expected asset earnings rate was changed from 8.25% to 7.75% as a result of lowering the inflation assumption from 3.50% to 3.00%. We use 8% in this presentation for simplicity

Gain And Loss – More Explanation

- **The Funding Progress of a Plan Is Measured By Looking at the “Unfunded Liability” Which Is the Difference Between the Value Benefits For Past Service (Accrued Liability) and the Assets**
- **The Accrued Liability Is a Discounted Present Value Which Increases at a Rate Of 8% Each Year (Since There is One Fewer Year of Discount)**
- **If the Assets Do Not Also Increase at Rate of 8% Each Year, the Unfunded Liability Will Increase (Loss) or Decrease (Gain)**

20%

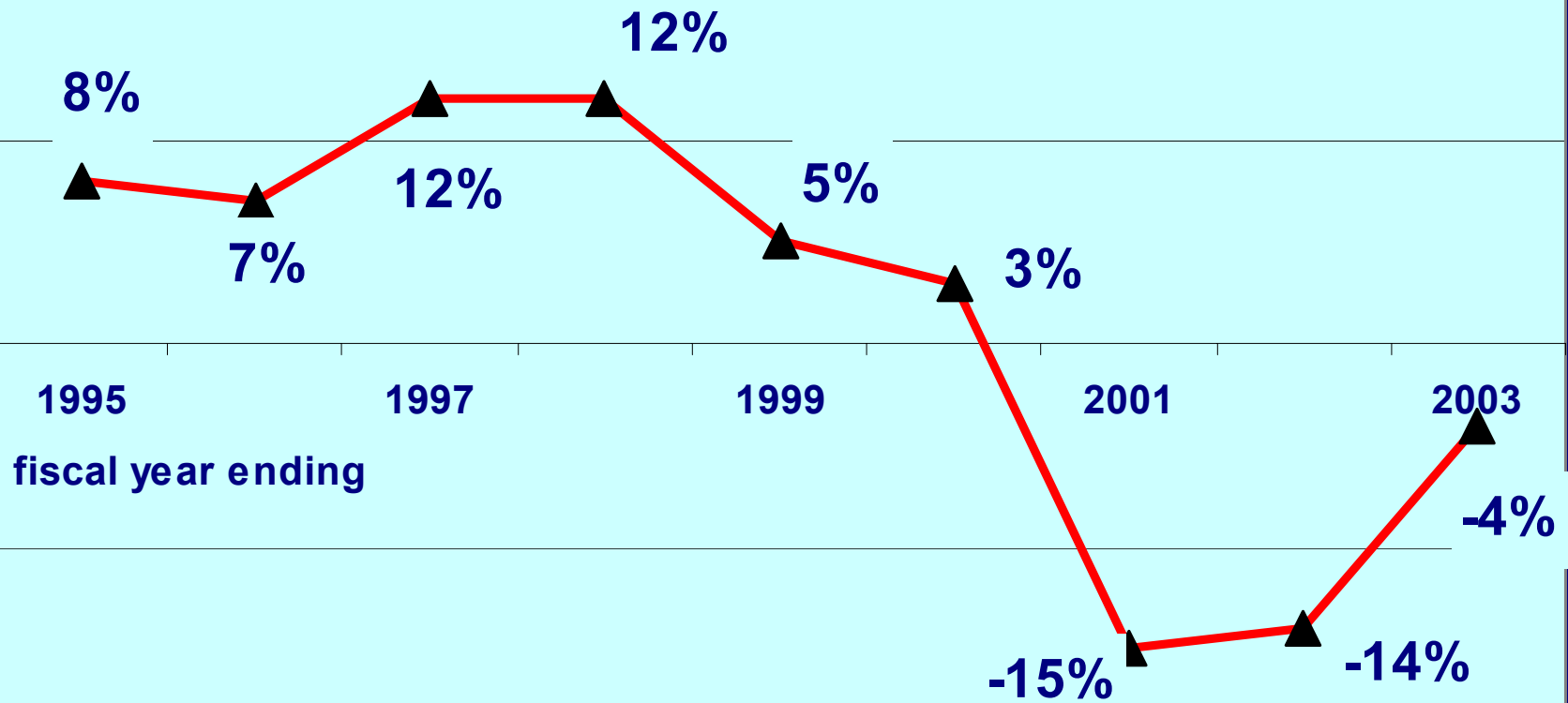
10%

0%

-10%

-20%

Market Value Gain(loss) Percent



1995
fiscal year ending

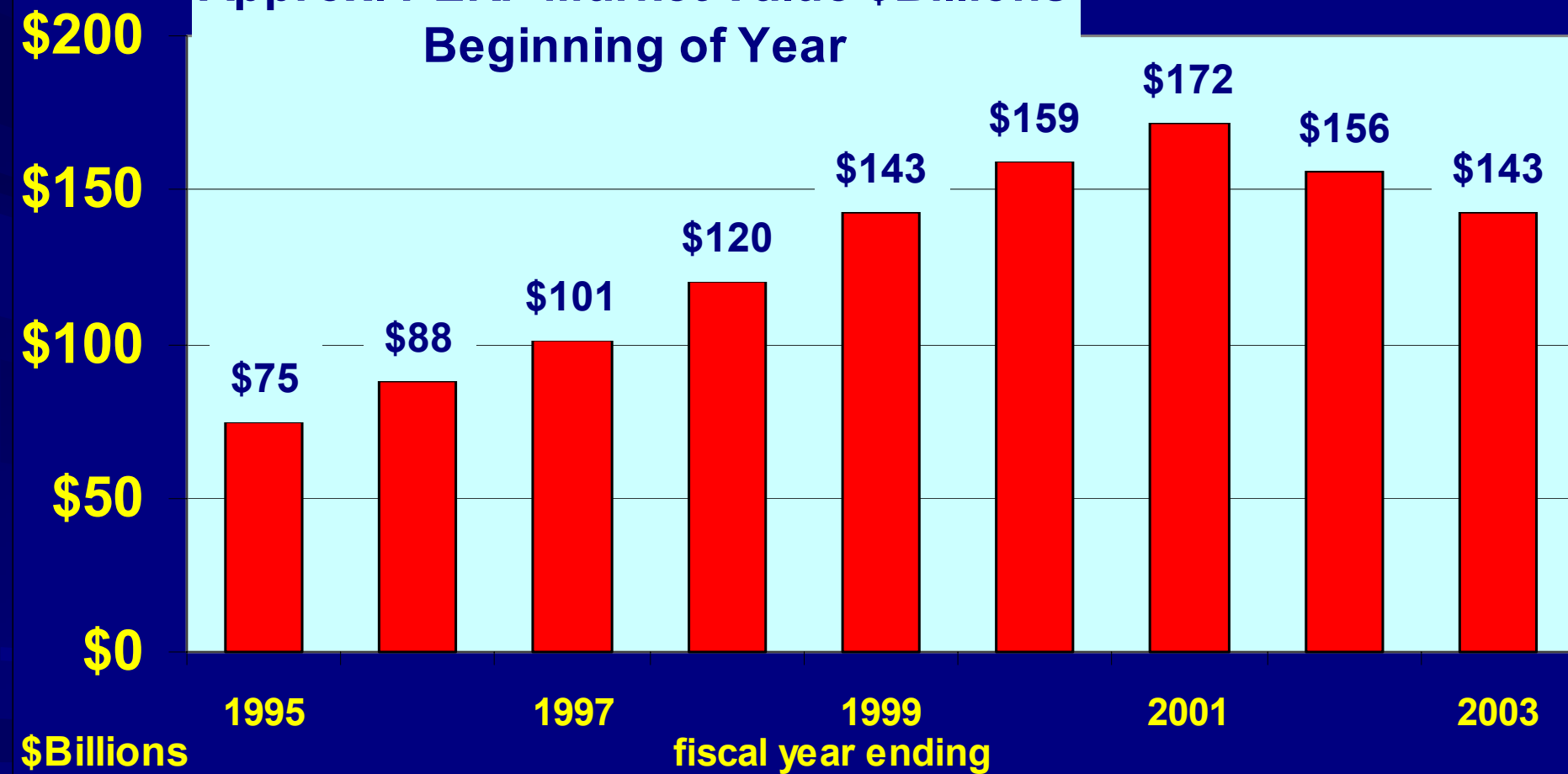
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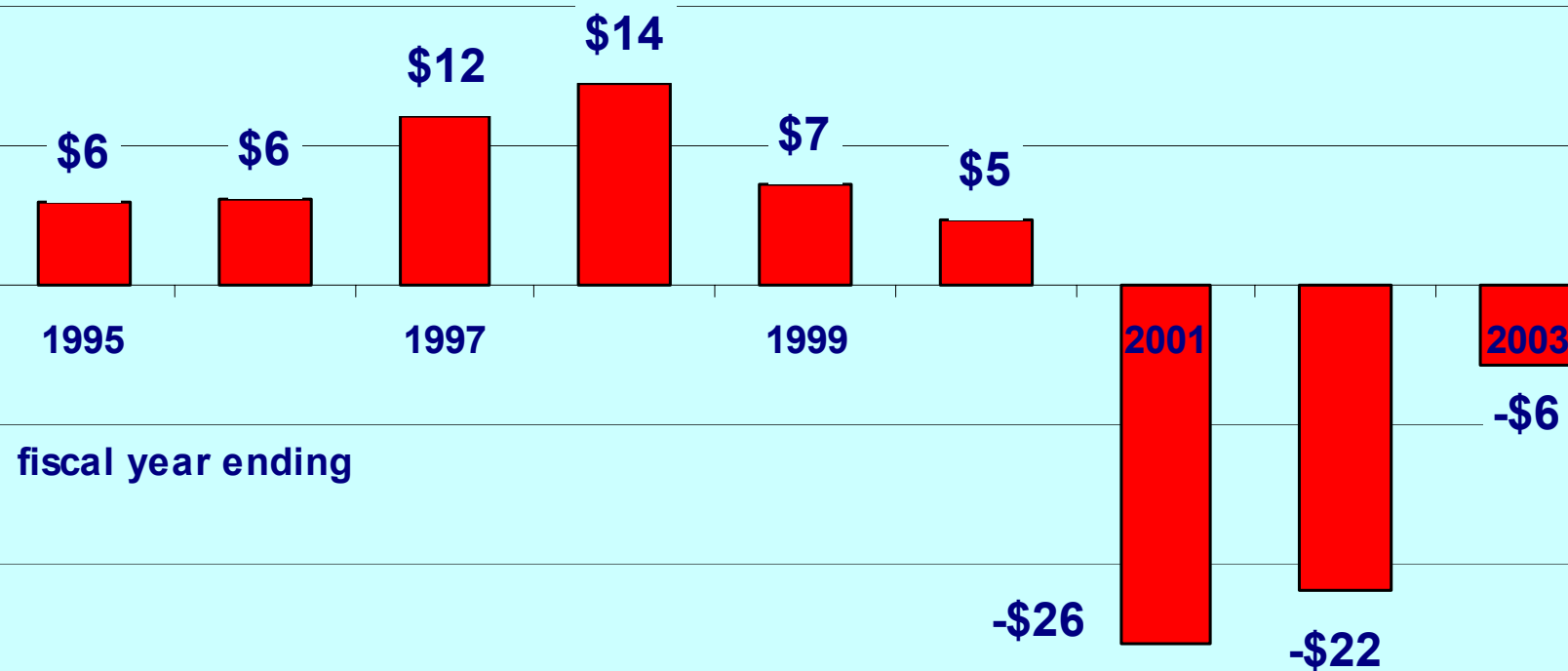
2001

2003

**Approx. PERF Market Value \$Billions
Beginning of Year**



Approx. PERF Market Gain(loss) \$Billions



fiscal year ending

\$Billions

In A Defined Benefit Plan

- The Employer Bears The “Investment Risk”
- Asset Gains Reduce Future Employer Contributions
- Asset Losses Increase Future Employer Contributions
- Members’ Benefits Are Not Affected By Asset Gains Or Losses

Adjustment Of Contributions

- **Some** Of The Gains In 1994-95 Thru 1999-2000 Were Used To Reduce Contributions In Fiscal Years 1997-98 Thru 2002-03
- **Some** Of The Losses In 2000-01 Thru 2002-03 Were Used To Increase Contributions In Fiscal Years 2003-04 Thru 2005-06

Question:

**How Rapidly Should We Reflect
Gains and Losses in the
Employer Contribution Rate?**

Quick Review

Purpose Of Annual Valuation

- **Funded Status** on Valuation Date
- **Contribution Rate** for Fiscal Year Beginning Two Years After Valuation Date*

* State and schools plans only 1 year lag

Two Year “Lag”

- **Public Agency Valuations Completed This October 2005 Will Contain**
 - **Funded Status at June 30, 2004**
 - **Contribution Rate for 2006-07**

Actuarial Assumptions

■ Economic

- Asset Earnings
- Cost of Living
- Pay Increases

■ Demographic

- Retirement
- Termination
- Disability
- Mortality

Key Definitions

- **Present Value Of Benefits =**
Value Of Benefits For **Past *And* Future Service**
- **Accrued Liability =**
Value Of Benefits For **Past Service *Only***
- **Normal Cost =**
Value Of Benefits For **One Year Of Service**

Key Definitions

- **Funded Status** =
Assets / Accrued Liability
- **Unfunded** =
Accrued Liability - Assets

Key Definitions

- **Contribution =**
Normal Cost +
Amortization Of Unfunded
- **The Normal Cost Is Relatively**
Stable, Especially In Larger Plans
- **The Volatility Is In the Amortization**
Of Unfunded

END RATE VOLATILITY SECTION